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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the chance to comment on the Nez Perce-Clearwater NF plan revision. My primary interest in this planning process is in maintaining, and where appropriate, restoring, natural quiet and the opportunity to hear and enjoy natural sounds; and in the provision of high quality recreational opportunities for non-motorized recreationists.

My interest is especially strong since the Forest Service in Alaska is doing such a poor job in protecting these values and opportunities even on lands managed as Wilderness (recreational snowmachine use is permitted on those lands). It's ironic, and depressing--since Alaska is perceived as having, more than any other state, lands that are natural and wild and sparsely developed--to have to look to the lower 48 for a true wilderness backcountry experience.

So, please , keep the entire Hoodoo Roadless Area as recommended Wilderness in the revised plan, and continue to prohibit snowmachine use in recommended Wilderness areas in the forest. If we can't find true Wilderness in Alaska, I would hope that we would at least be able to continue to find it in the lower 48.

Sincerely,

Cliff Eames